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MacTCP: Comparison to Kinetics K-Talk

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TOPIC -----

Is Mt. Xinu's K-Talk (formerly distributed by Kinetics) similar in function to MacTCP?

DISCUSSION -----

Although you can achieve similar results from MacTCP and K-Talk, there are some differences that you should be aware of. MacTCP is software installed on individual Macintoshes while K-Talk is software installed on a UNIX host. MacTCP provides TCP/IP connections for a Macintosh while K-Talk provides AppleTalk connections for a UNIX host.

At the point the packets reach the host machine running K-Talk, there is no need for a translation to TCP/IP. The K-Talk package, running on the UNIX host, translates the AppleTalk messages directly into UNIX file system calls without any intermediate steps.

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